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Alva, it was nice speaking with you today. Here is the e-mail and request for information we spoke about.

We are requesting information on two companies operating on the Falcon Refinery Superfund Site (a.k.a. National Oil Recovery Corporation [NORCO] and previously known as Impexco of Texas). The abandoned refinery is located at the intersection of FM 2725 and Bishop Road, 1.7 miles southeast of State Highway 361 that passes through Ingleside. Additional information about the Superfund site and the EPA's activities can be found at the internet link below.

These companies are transporting "crude oil" from the field and storing it in tanks, located at the abandoned refinery, prior to transportation via pipeline to a docking facility on the Intracoastal Canal (Red Fish Bay). Are they required to have a RRC permit for this type of activity? If so, could I please obtain copies? Also, if they are required to have permits for this type of activity and have not filed, could the RRC compel them to comply? If necessary, I could meet with RRC at the Site.

We, in cooperation with NORCO, are currently planning an environmental investigation of the Site under the federal Superfund program to determine the nature and extent of contamination at or from the Site for all media. Also, as part of a removal action, NORCO is addressing the liquids in the tanks and will be addressing other parts of the refinery. I can provide you with the details of these investigations if needed.

We had a community meeting on September 16, 2004, at Ingleside City Hall, and several people raised concerns about these operations and their reporting requirements (e.g., to the Local Emergency Planning Committee). The San Patricio County Judge, County Commissioner, and Emergency Management Coordinator, and about 40 community members, attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the community about the planned and ongoing activities at the Site. I am following up on their compliance with federal laws and need to ensure that they are in compliance with state laws. I will be contacting the county officials in the near future to provide them with another update. I am also coordinating with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Health.

Following is the information we received from NORCO concerning the two companies:

The contact for Crude Marketing & Transportation, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is Mr. Larry Durham (P.O. Box 4470; Tulsa, Oklahoma 74159-0470). His telephone numbers are: office - (918) 585-6790, ext. 117; and cell - (918) 671-3616. This company is currently leasing a tank at the Refinery.

The other lessee is Superior Crude Gathering, Inc., the contact person is Jeff Kirby (600 Leopard, Suite 1702; Corpus Christi, Texas 78426). His telephone number is (361) 882-5117. Superior is currently leasing two tanks, including the pipeline connection from the Refinery down to and including the dock facility.

The contact information for NORCO is Richard F. Bergner (Attorney). He can be reached at 713-783-4832.

Any information or assistance you could provide us would be greatly appreciated. Please call me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance. Thanks for your help.

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Assigned Sites for Investigation and Remediation:

Brine Service Company Superfund Site (Corpus Christi, Texas) -

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/brine.pdf>

Falcon Refinery Site (Ingleside, Texas) -

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/falcon.pdf>

Many Diversified Interests, Inc.; Superfund Site (Houston, Texas) -

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/mdi.pdf>

Star Lake Canal Superfund Site (Port Neches, Texas) -

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/starlake.pdf>